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TO ARRANGE

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MENT—OTHER CITIES ACTIVE.

Plans for a big patriotic day will be officially launched next Wednesday at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, at which time committees will be named to look after the work. In keeping with their patriotism of their organization the Rotarians have decided to lend assistance in the work.

President Clarence Griggs and Secretary James F. Farrell are greatly enthused over the plans for the patriotic day celebration. A monstrous parade, in which every citizen of Ottawa, clubs, societies, members of the Ottawa Rifle Club, Co. C, the high school military cadets and the Red Cross nurses, will be asked to join in, will be the feature. Merchants will be asked to dock their windows in the national colors and old glory will fly forth from every building in the city. Ottawa is only falling in the line of other cities in this respect. At La Salle elaborate preparations are being made, but the day of the patriotic day celebration has not as yet been decided upon.

Yesterday at Kankakee over 5,000 people formed in a parade that stormed the business district of that city, expressing their patriotism.

In every gathering of citizens where the plans for a patriotic day have been mentioned there has been a hearty endorsement of the movement and the Chamber of Commerce are sure to meet with the assistance of every merchant and citizen of Ottawa in staging the event.

At the session of the Chamber of Commerce it is anticipated that at least five separate committees—one on parade, schools, publicity, finance and entertainment—will be named in order to divide the burden of the work.

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FIFTY-ONE BOYS TO TAKE TRAINING AT CULVER; OFF SUNDAY

O. H. S. CADETS LEAVE TOMORROW FOR "FRONT"—SPECIAL COACH WILL CARRY OTTAWA YOUNGSTERS TO THE TRAINING CAMP.

Fifty-one members of the O. H. S. cadet corps leave tomorrow for Culver, Indiana, where they will attend the two weeks military training camp given under the direction of Col. Gignilliat, superintendent of Culver academy. The Ottawa boys will leave here at 6:30 a. m. in a special car over the Rock Island and in Chicago will join with the boys representing the 125 schools of that city. The party will leave over the Nickel Plate road in another special coach, arriving at the camp grounds some time during the afternoon.

Prof. C. H. Kingman will accompany the boys as far as Chicago. A number of ladies, headed by Mrs. A. C. Bradish, are seeing that the number boys don't go unprepared and a number of boxes are being filled with good things to eat and will be given the cadets when they entrain for the Indiana school.

An epidemic of measles that has been sweeping the city at intermittent stages may cause a few of the soldiers to remain at home. It is not expected however that more than two or three will be detained on this account.

Those who have signed the roster are Glen Baker, Percival Bellrose, Cyrus Bradish, Earl Brand, Archie Brandow, Ernest Clans, Winston Colwell, Maitland Cooper, Theodore Lamard, Edward Dwyer, Dale Esmond, Luthrop Follett, Edward Gault, Louis Gierding, Fred Hanna, Elnathan Hatheway, Hubert Hilliard, Robert Hilliard, Edward Horn, Simmons Hopp, Chester Tepper, Elmer McGowan, Floyd Hoxsey, Robert Jacobs, Melville Kelly, Charles Kleiber, Harley Langan, Harold Langer, Walter Larkin, Andrew Leis, Glenn Mathes, Charles Mathieson, Max Mutter, Lynne O'Neill, Oscar Osmundson, Morill Palmer, Frederick Peck, Kenneth Porter, Paul Roberts, William Sanders, Walter Scherer, Porter Taylor, Harold Woodward, Richard Kaiser, George Gagel, Parr Shaver, Joe Carr, Robert Steer, Normand Scherer, Earl Marten and Arthur Blankinship.

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ROTARY CLUB WILL HAVE BIG MEETING TUESDAY AT CLIFTON

FRANK P. MANLEY, DISTRICT GOVERNOR, WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING—A. J. O'CONOR ON PROGRAM.

Frank P. Manley, of Indiana, governor of the Eighth district of Rotary clubs, will be the headliner at the meeting of the Rotary club here Tuesday evening at the Clifton hotel. The coming of Mr. Manley to this city will be responsible for the gathering of various members of Rotary clubs in this district, as an invitation has been extended to them to attend the meeting here.

Mr. Manley is regarded as one of the best orators in the ranks of the Rotarians, and he will have a most important message.

Arrangements have been made at the Clifton for the attendance of 100 members and guests from other clubs in the Illinois Valley.

In addition to the address by Mr. Manley, Attorney A. J. O'Connor will be on the program. Mr. O'Connor's subject has not been announced, but he doubtless will have a topic that will interest every Rotarian in attendance.

The members of the Ottawa high school orchestra have consented to furnish the music for the occasion. The local musicians, under the leadership of Prof. John Hoff have always been in popular favor with the Rotarians and their part on the program should be a feature.

Miss Vera Ham, talented young Ottawa vocalist, will also be on the program.

Host Harvey promises to have his usual good menu for the festivities and the meeting Tuesday evening is being looked forward to with much enthusiasm.

TOOK ANOTHER'S SUIT; FACES JURY QUIZZ

John Malloy, who was arrested in La Salle was held to the grand jury yesterday on a charge of larceny after he had been given a trial before Police Magistrate O'Byrne.

It seems that Malloy took a suit of clothes which did not belong to him and that he pledged the suit one Frank Owen, who runs a second hand store. The suit was missed by its owner and the guilt fastened on Malloy.

In Magistrate O'Byrne's court Malloy was placed under bonds of \$200 to await the action of the grand jury. Failing to secure the necessary bail he was brought to Ottawa by Deputy Geebel, who made the arrest.

HOPE TO RESCUE 100 MINERS TRAPPED IN PITS AT TRINIDAD

Trinidad, Colo., April 28.—Hope of rescuing more than 100 miners trapped 3,000 feet below the surface by a fire which is raging in the Hastings mine of the Victor-American Fuel Company near Ludlow, waned early today and rescuers who had penetrated 2,000 feet into the workings were driven back by the intense heat. Six bodies were brought out.

Wreckage piled up by an explosion late yesterday prevented the rescue squad from getting within sight of the flames but they expressed the belief that none of the entombed men could be alive. The list of men in the mine at the time of the explosion, given out by the company contained 119 names, ninety-one of which were miners, while the others were inspectors, bosses and company men.

The mine is what is known as a "Gas mine" and a similar explosion occurred there in 1913. It is believed that either gas or spontaneous combustion of coal dust, generated by a sudden change in temperature, caused the explosion.

All of the bodies brought to the surface were badly burned, indicating that a sheet of flame swept thru the mine immediately after the explosion, as the victims were found on the near side of the place where the fire is burning. Helmet parties working 500 feet ahead of the main rescue party found the bodies. They penetrated to one of the main workings, where the cars are gathered for the long drive to the surface and it is believed the bodies are those of drivers. Identification has been impossible.

National Guardsmen from Trinidad have been sent to the mine to mount guard.

Sure He Had It.

She (to husband, who has armful of bundles)—Good heavens, Jack! What are all those things for? He—Well, I couldn't remember the thing you told me to get, so I got all the things I thought it might have been.—Judge.

PROMINENT COUPLE MARRIED AT NOON

MISS ETHEL JACOBS BECOMES THE BRIDE OF RUSSELL HOWARD—WILL MAKE THEIR HOME IN CHICAGO.

At high noon today Miss Ethel Jacobs daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jacobs, of Rutland township, and Russell Howard, son of Prof. and Mrs. W. E. Howard, of this city, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. Carl Stackman, pastor of the First Congregational church, read the service.

The bride was charmingly attired in a white gorgette crepe dress and carried a bridal bouquet. The young couple were unattended. The ceremony was witnessed by the immediate friends of the contracting parties. Miss Dorothy Refor sang, "I Love You Dearly," during the ceremony.

The bride has been a resident of Akron, Ohio, for the last three years, where she has been supervisor of art in the high school of that city. She is a graduate of the Ottawa high school and studied art following her graduation.

The groom is at present employed as superintendent of the Parrett Tractor Co., in Chicago Heights, which was formerly located in this city. Mr. Howard is also a graduate of the Ottawa high school and studied mechanical engineering at Cornell University.

Following the wedding ceremonies the young couple departed for Chicago, where they will make their home.

W. S. BLUES MEET IN RESORT HOTEL; OCCUPY SAME ROOM

When W. S. Blue, Ottawa specialist, discovered his name written in strange handwriting on the register of the Hotel Elms at Excelsior Springs, Mo., he feared maybe he was seeing double. When he made a second survey of the register and discovered the same room was to house two W. S. Blues, he was certain there was something wrong, and instituted a search for his counterpart in names with the result he "met up with" W. S. Blue, Vice President and General Manager of the Columbia Electric Co., of Joplin, Mo. For a while he feared "all was to the Fritz" and not until he was introduced to the other Mr. Blue was he able to suppress his fluttering pulse. Upon inquiring into their family tree they discovered the two Blues—that they were distantly related and that the originals of their family first located in Virginia.

The Ottawa W. S. Blue his home from his visit to the Missouri resort, but preceding him came the clipping from an Excelsior Springs exchange that tells of the incident as follows:

L. E. Reid, C. D. Baldwin and W. S. Blue are attending the Missouri River Club convention of Middle West electrical jobbers in Excelsior Springs.

When Mr. Blue arrived at the Elms at the Springs he had the clerks guessing. An hour previously a W. S. Blue, of Ottawa, Ill., had reached the hotel and was assigned to a room that had been reserved. The clerk thought he was seeing double when the St. Joseph man registered soon afterward and demanded the accommodations he had engaged. There was no other room unoccupied so the two Blues are jointly occupying it. They never heard of each other before, and say they are not related.

MAY WHEAT MAKES NEW CLIMB; SELLS FOR \$2.75 THIS A. M.

Chicago, April 28.—May wheat jumped eight cents to 275, a new high record, on the opening today on a rush to buy with no offerings. Scene in the pit at the opening was virtually a repetition of those of yesterday when grain soared to records never before attained. Within half an hour after the opening May had jumped another 5 cents to 278 July had set a new high record by jumping 11 1/2 cents above yesterday's close to \$2.35. Sept. was 2 cents higher at \$1.99.

Corn opened 1 to 1 1/2 cents higher. Oats were sharply higher on a rush of commission house buying. Provisions were higher.

A. L. BOWEN PLACED IN CHARGE OF PRISON

Springfield, Ill., April 28.—The departure of Warden Michael Zimmer, of Joliet Penitentiary, this afternoon to take his position as warden of the Cook County Hospital necessitated quick action by Governor Lowden to day to prevent the penitentiary from being left without a head. He appointed A. L. Bowen, secretary of the State Charities Commission, to serve until a permanent warden is named, and Bowen left at noon to take charge.

A man acting a cheerfulness hedonist's feel is never a very good actor.

RED CROSS NURSE TO FIGHT RETURN OF CHILD PLAGUE

SCHOOL BOARD TO HIRE REPRESENTATIVE OF NATIONAL BODY TO TAKE CHARGE OF OTTAWA SITUATION DURING MAY AND JUNE.

The board of education of the city schools believes in preparedness.

Last night at a special meeting, when the old board retired and the new members took their seats in the executive councils of the school system, it was unanimously decided to employ a Red Cross nurse during the months of May and June, who will devote her services exclusively to the task of eliminating from the school system all dangers of a return of an infantile paralysis epidemic.

Action on the Red Cross nurse proposition was prompted by a committee consisting of Mrs. James Catlin, Mrs. A. J. O'Connor and Mrs. I. L. Woodward, who attended the board session and stated their case, laying particular emphasis upon the fact that Ottawa was menaced by a return of the dreaded child plague and that stringent steps should be taken to avoid a repetition of last year's experience.

Authorities on school laws looked up the board's right to spend public funds for other than school purposes and it was learned that the law provided in case of emergency, where a threatened epidemic jeopardizes the health and safety of the children, the directors are wholly within their rights when they employ a nurse to take charge of any such situation. As a consequence of this opinion it was decided to call upon the society to send a nurse to Ottawa at a salary of \$85 a month, to start her services on the first of May.

Committees are Named.

The new president Judge Henry Mayo took the office left vacant by retiring president George P. Hill's determination to step down into the rank and file and work in the general affairs of the board, appointed committee for the ensuing year. His selections for the important posts follow:

Finance—Elmer E. Roberts, George P. Hills, James F. Graham.
Text Books and Course of Study—George P. Hills, Charles E. Woodward, Elmer E. Roberts.

Rules, Regulations and Complaints—William J. Dwyer, Charles E. Woodward, Fred L. Fischer.

Buildings and Grounds—James F. Graham, George P. Hills, Fred L. Fischer.

Supplies—Fred L. Fischer, William J. Dwyer, James F. Graham.

Teachers, Janitors and Salaries—Charles E. Woodward, William J. Dwyer, Elmer E. Roberts.

Raise Secretary's Salary.

Secretary Elmer E. Roberts, whose management of the board's clerical affairs, has been exceedingly successful was given a very agreeable surprise when a motion was made and carried that his salary be raised from \$150 to \$200 a year. The increase came unexpectedly to Mr. Roberts, but he was none the less grateful for his colleague's desire to better reimburse him for his services.

To Clean Desks.

A contract was entered into with the C. H. Spencer Company for sterilizing all desks in the schools, that need cleaning. The work will be done at the expiration of the term; the month of July having been set aside by the board for the Spencer people to perform the task. A cleansing fluid and a big vat are used in the sterilization. The desks are unfastened from the floor and dipped into the solution, and in this manner made perfectly sanitary.

AUXILIARY VESSEL HELD AT LA SALLE

George H. Grussing, architect and superintendent with offices in the Metropolitan block on Randolph street, in Chicago, would greatly appreciate it if someone would solve the annual mystery of when the Illinois & Michigan canal will open.

Grussing has his boat, the Lotowana II, anchored in the La Salle basin for the last ten days, but he has no desire to keep it there, as he has turned it over to the government for use—and the government is anxious to get it. The Lotowana is 56 feet long with a beam of 13 feet, and is one of the few craft registered in Chicago capable of carrying a three-pound gun.

When he was first in communication with the government officials, Grussing was at St. Augustine, Fla., and they told him to bring his boat to Chicago. He got to La Salle and then ran into the closed canal. Thus far, he says, the only information he has been able to ascertain is that the canal will open "in a few days."

CONSCRIPTION BILL WILL BE PASSED BY CONGRESS TONIGHT

OTTAWA ELKS WILL HELP RAISE 30,000 FUND; WAR RELIEF

LOCAL LODGEMEN ENDORSE CALLING OFF STATE CONVENTION AT AURORA—AND TO USE MONEY FOR RELIEF WORK.

Illinois Elks have cancelled their state convention at Aurora June 5, 6 and 7, and will give the money now on hand and raise enough for a fund of \$30,000, which will be donated for general war relief work. This move places Illinois first in patriotic action, which before many days, it is believed, Elks of every other state in the Union will follow.

Intimation was made today by local B. P. O. E. officials all other state organizations would call off their state meetings and that the national convention, to be held in Boston in July, will either be called off or the representation will be cut to a limited number of delegates who will spend the full four days planning methods of national aid.

Notified to Change.

Ottawa Elks were yesterday notified of the action by the Free Trader Journal. The Aurora Elks reached this decision and a general issuance of notification of the action went out yesterday. Authority to call off the convention was given by the state executive committee.

Election of officers, scheduled for the state meeting will be indefinitely postponed and the present officers will serve until such time as a meeting can be held.

That in all probability a small meeting, attended only by a single representative for each lodge of the state may be held for the transaction of routine business, is intimated now by state executives. In this event customary parades and entertainment will be eliminated. Suggestions the state meeting be held and turned into a gigantic patriotic demonstration failed to get support. It was decided the money now on hand, several thousand dollars, would be used to better advantage in war relief work.

Raise \$30,000.

Immediately after the notification of the discontinuance of plans for the convention was made, other plans were put on foot to raise money in every town in the state which is represented by a lodge to complete the proposed \$30,000 budget for war work.

The action of state Elks in patriotic effort follows a nationwide movement several weeks ago, when a majority of the branch lodges of the order telegraphed their support to President Wilson.

Officials of the Ottawa lodge today heartily endorsed the action of the state executives and the Aurora lodge. That the feeling here since the declaration of war has been the money should be put into war relief work, is their statement.

CHICAGO WELCOMES TEDDY ROOSEVELT

Chicago, April 28.—Cheered by as large a multitude as ever greeted him when he was President of the United States Col. Roosevelt arrived at 9:30 p. m. today to take part in one of the biggest patriotic demonstrations the middle west has ever witnessed.

"Well, Well, Well. Just like old times." Col. Roosevelt beamed on the throng that went wildly enthusiastic as he stepped from the Penna. train. Bristling with "pep" and swinging into a rapid stride that made the reception committee hurry to keep up with him, the Colonel rushed through the crowd, shaking hands with Samuel Insull, Arthur Meeker and other prominent Chicagoans as he walked.

Considerable military display attended the entrance of Col. Roosevelt into Chicago. Detachments of army and navy units formed part of the honor guard.

Government Weather Report.

Washington, April 28.—The Weather Bureau today issued the following forecast for next week:

Region of Great Lakes—Unsettled and cool weather with probably rains the first half of the week will be followed by generally fair and warmer weather after Wednesday.

You couldn't take the conceit out of some people with a surgical operation.—Philadelphia Record.

LAST DOUBT REMOVED AS TO SUCCESS OF DRAFT LAW

MAJORITY DOUBLED

FRIENDS OF GENERAL STAFF'S PLAN FOR RAISING GREAT FIGHTING FORCE ELATED AT CHANGE OF SENTIMENT IN BOTH HOUSES.

Washington, April 28.—By a vote of 279 to 98, the House today agreed upon the motion of Rep. Kahn, Republican of California, to eliminate the volunteer provision from the selective draft army bill. This action forecast the complete victory of the administration forces when the final vote is taken later in the day.

There was no record of the preliminary vote, which far exceeded the most sanguine hopes of some of the supporters of the fight for conscription initiated by the President.

Washington, April 28.—The Senate and House will pass President Wilson's conscription bill before adjournment tonight. When the House covenanted today the pending business was a motion by Representative Kahn to strike from the military affairs committee bill the volunteer provision which was reported to the House over the objection of the president and the War Department.

There were indications of a stampede in the administration bill as the House assembled. Proponents of selective conscription, in the form the bill was drafted by the army general staff, and approved by the White House, declared that their majority had doubled over night. With the vote to eliminate the volunteer amendment out of the way early in today's session the way will be clear for quick disposition of other less controverted sections of the bill.

Hopes for any legislative recognition of Theodore Roosevelt's plan to send a division into France already have gone glimmering. The Roosevelt idea, although not mentioned as such in an amendment offered by Representative Austin, of Tennessee, was rejected in the House by a vote of 170 to 106.

The cause of the president's bill in the House has been materially strengthened over night by the accession of Republican leader Mann and Representative Fitzgerald to the ranks of the conscriptionists.

In the senate leaders have agreed to take definite vote before the stroke of twelve tonight. As the bills to be passed by senate and house have some minor differences it will be necessary to have conferences to smooth these out. The conferences are expected to adjust their variances in a day or two so that the bill will be ready for the president's signature not later than the middle of the week.

The War Department, meanwhile sure of the outcome of the general staff bill, is taking all the preliminary steps to put it into force.

GUATEMALA IS LAST TO BREAK OFF WITH BELIN GOVERNMENT

Washington, April 28.—Guatemala has broken diplomatic relations with the German government the State Department was officially informed today. The German minister at Guatemala City has been handed his passports and the ex-quarters of the German consuls in that country cancelled.

SENECA MAN WITH FAT ROLL ARRESTED HERE

Louis Knudson, of Seneca, was arrested last evening by Officers Butterfield and Reilly. \$61.25 was found on the person of Knudson when taken in custody. This morning he was arraigned on a charge of drunkenness and fined \$3 and cost, which he paid.

DEMENTED MAN IS ARRESTED BY POLICE

A man giving his name as John Grady was arrested by Officer John Cisco this morning on Clinton street. Grady may be suffering with alcoholic hallucinations. The police are giving him close surveillance. He has been unable to state where his home is.